

COVID UPDATE FROM PASTOR EDDIE

Late Wednesday County Judge George raised the threat level for our county to Red. At this time we don't have a clear direction as to what this means for our church. Our plan is to have Sunday School and worship as planned. However, we encourage you to use your own best judgment as to what is best for you and your family. We will be monitoring this situation and will let you know if anything changes. This recommendation comes after conversations with Church Lay Leader Jay Dietz and Tim Benson.

FROM PASTOR EDDIE

A couple of weeks ago we had a memorial service here at the church. Jeff was visiting with one of the family members who was a Presbyterian pastor from another state. Jeff asked who was preaching for him that Sunday and he said, "I've got an old retired pastor who fills in for me." Jeff replied, "Hey, I've got one of those too."

I'm that old retired guy he was talking about, and I'm glad to be available when needed. I hope that Kim and Jeff are enjoying their time in Michigan. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday. I want to share with you why Jesus is the good shepherd.

The old guy aka Pastor Eddie

NEEDS THIS WEEK

Give Blood: It takes ONE hour of your time to help THREE people. We will host our bi-annual drive on Sunday, August 29 in Wendt Hall from 9:00am-1:00pm. Use the following link to sign up: [Commit For Life Schedule](#).

FOCUS THIS WEEK

Bulletin: Please visit the link below for a printable copy of this week's bulletin or view the PDF attached to this email – [August 15](#).

Backpack Thank YOU!: Thanks to YOU we were able to fill 700 backpacks with school supplies to hand out to kids in need within our community. We could not do it without your donations of supplies, money, and of course your time. We will start our collection for next year as soon as the supplies go on clearance. If you see sale items in the next few weeks, please pick them up and drop them off in the church office.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Kroger Community Rewards: *Did you know you can support St. John's UMC just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards! To get started, sign up with your Plus Card at www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com, and select St. John's UMC (NPO #83122) as the organization you wish to support. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for St. John's UMC every time you shop and use your Plus Card! **If you were previously enrolled or think you might currently be enrolled, please remember you have to re-link your card every year on August 1st for the next fiscal year.***

Jelly Jars: It is time to start preparing for holiday jalapeño jelly. If you have 4oz or 8oz jars you'd like to donate, please drop them off in the church office.

Smith Santa Shop: We are looking for supplies and items to stock the Smith Elementary Christmas Store. The students will earn tickets to purchase gifts for parents. Our goal is to teach "giving to others." Below is a list of suggested items. Donations can be dropped off in Room 105 or the church office.

- coffee mugs
- jewelry (broken is okay but no crosses)
- toiletries (regular and travel size-lotion, bath gel, hand sanitizer, shaving cream and after shave)
- bath scrubbers
- fingernail brushes
- playing cards
- men's socks
- gloves
- baseball caps
- flashlights (small and large)
- tape measures
- makeup bags

- fuzzy socks
- pretty notepads and pens
- dominoes
- tweezers
- nail clippers
- lipstick/lip gloss or lip balm
- nail polish
- emery boards
- hand mirrors
- ribbon (all colors and widths)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Blessing of the Backpacks: All educators and students are invited to bring their backpacks/bags to church on Sunday, August 22 for either service to receive a special blessing from Pastor Eddie.

Youth & Parent Meeting: Mark your calendars for a very important Youth and Parents' Meeting on Sunday, August 29th at Noon in Room 105. We will be discussing and organizing our Youth Activities for the Fall. Lunch will be provided!

ADULTS

Women's Book Club: The August book is *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson. The discussion date will be Saturday, August 14 at 9:30am in 105 at the church.

L.I.F.T (Ladies in Fellowship Together): All women are invited to join in for the 3rd Summer Luncheon on Tuesday, August 17th at 11:30am. We will meet at Alicia's Mexican Restaurant, 20420 Southwest Fwy, Richmond, TX 77469. **Please RSVP prior to Monday, August 16 at 11:00am to Dory Tavener at 281-851-1726.**

Lay Servant Academy: Our in-person Lay Servant Academy is back! We have 4 upcoming opportunities on August 28, September 18, October 23, and February 5, 2022, all of which will be held at Faith UMC in Richmond. Each session will be a ONE-DAY class on a Saturday. Click [this link](#) to register for any of the dates/classes you'd like. If you have any questions, please contact Claire Kincannon at 281-499-3700. We hope to see you there!

Flower Calendar: If you would like to place flowers on the altar in celebration of or in memory of your loved one, please click [here](#) to review available dates or stop by the church office. **Upcoming dates include September 5 and September 19.**

Women's Retreat: *Summer is fading! Do you need a retreat before we get deep into fall activities? Bask in the warmth of God's presence. Join us at SeaSide Escape. It's a beach-themed retreat you won't want to miss!* Join us on Saturday, September 11 at First United Methodist Rosenberg. The cost is \$25.00. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please pick up a registration form from the sanctuary piano. If you have questions, please contact Kay Harlan at 713-907-2735.

Hospitality Time: Please sign up to bring goodies one Sunday during your birthday month! (For example, if your birthday is in August, please sign up for one of the Sundays in August.) We ask that your contribution be in the Gathering Room (105) by 9:15am on your chosen Sunday. **Everyone is welcome to join us for Hospitality Time in the Gathering Room.** Please click [here](#) TODAY to sign up!

Online Worship: You can view worship services online on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsumcrichmond>) or <http://stjohnsumc-richmond.org>. Live worship is Sunday at 11am on our Facebook page. After the live service, the video can be viewed on our Facebook page or the website anytime.